

REMARKS

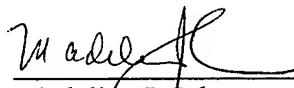
Claims 23-30 are pending pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment dated August 25, 2003.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-22 were subject to a restriction requirement. Further to a telephone conference with the examiner, Applicant requests that the outstanding Office Action be withdrawn and replaced with a new Office Action directed to new claims 23-30 which are currently pending.

Reconsideration and examination of the claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

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